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# Building Blocks for Simulation based Cooperation between Partners

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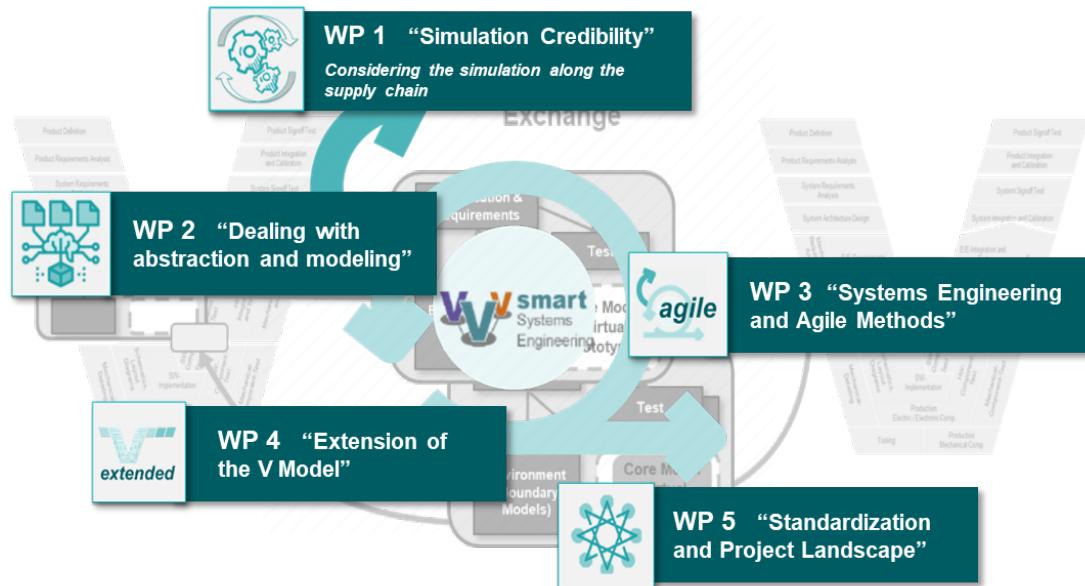


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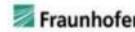
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*Mission Phase 5 (2022-2024)*

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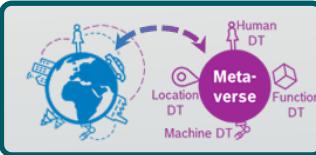
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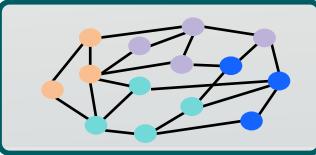
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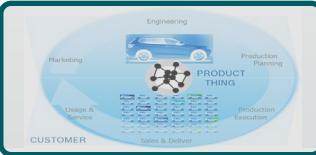
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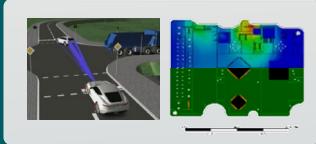
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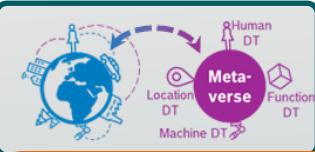
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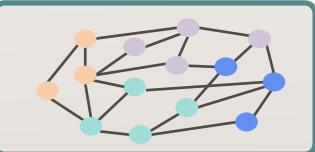
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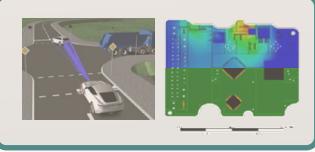
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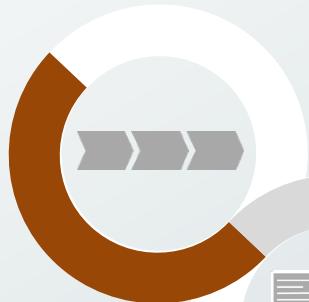
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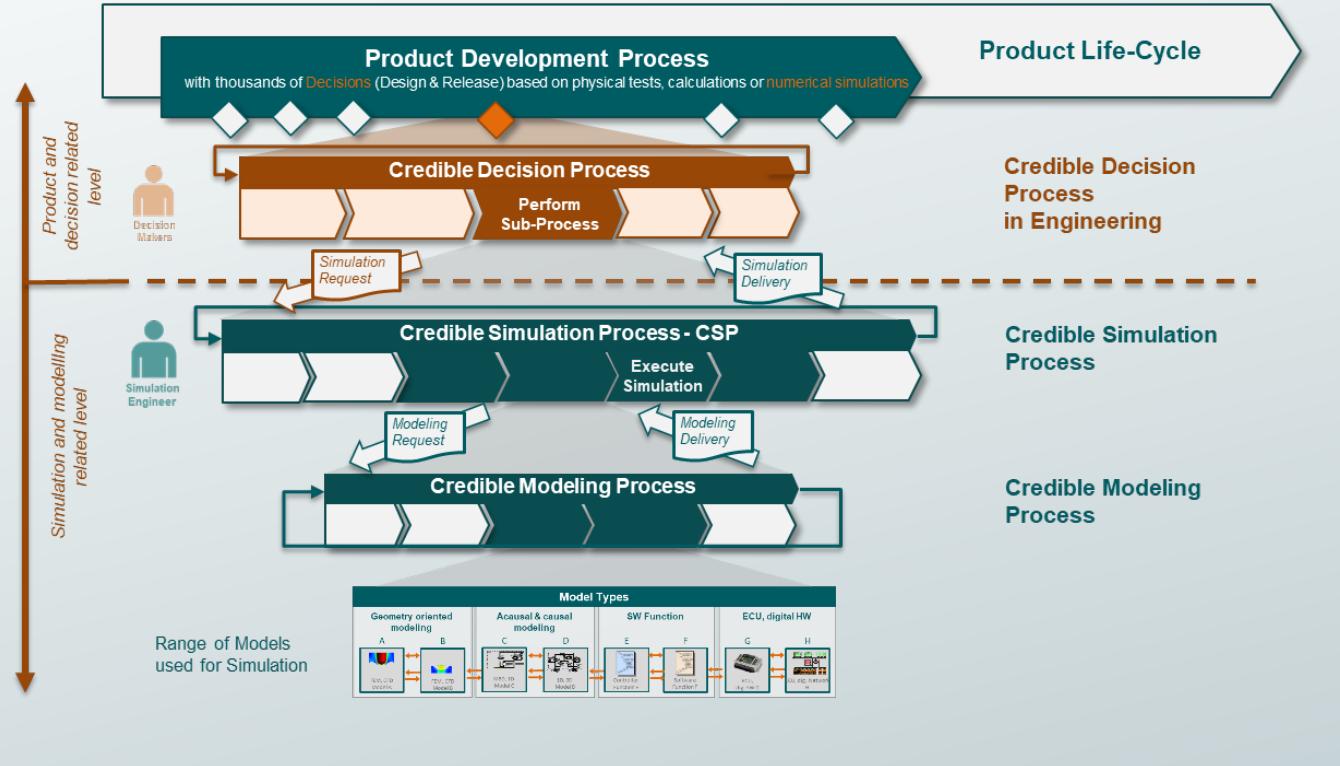


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## Structuring, Assignment Responsibilities

**Process hierarchy with clear information structuring**

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- Clear assignment of responsibilities



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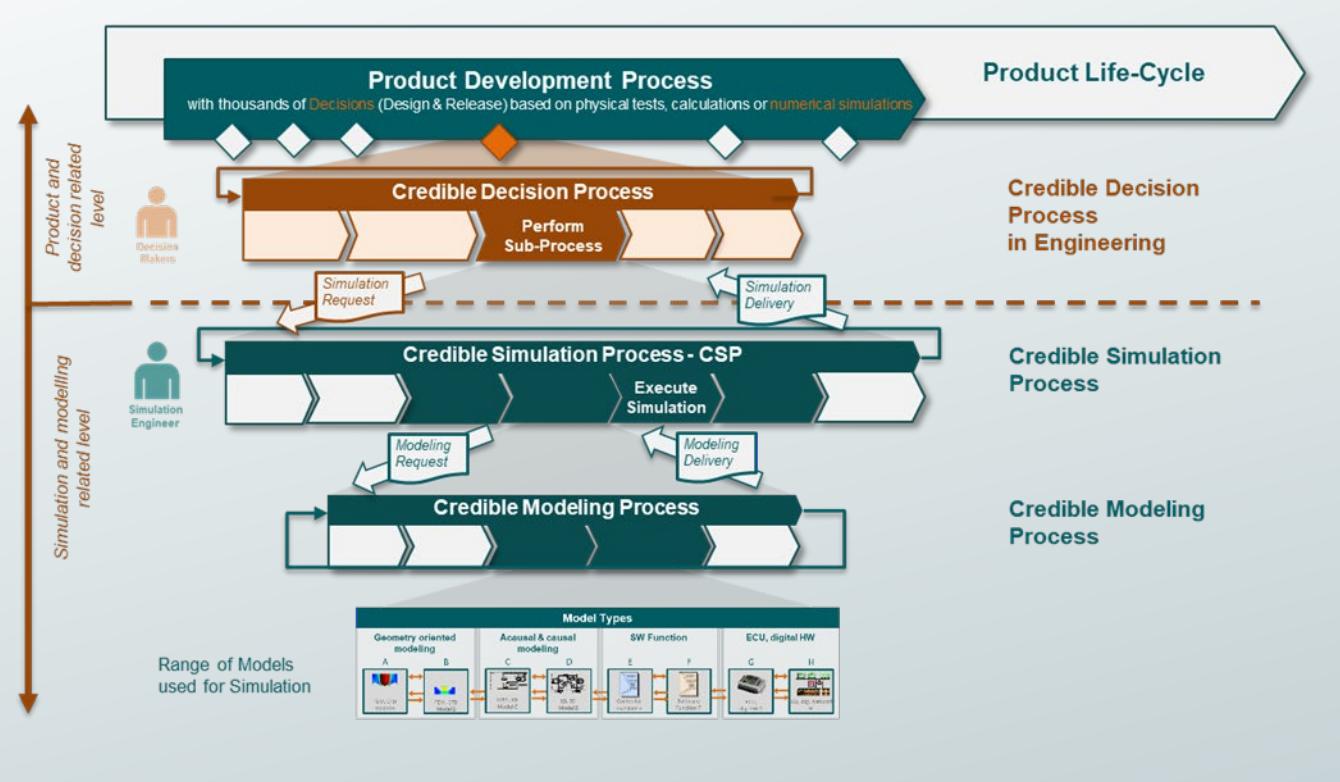
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## Standards and Recommendations for Simulation Credibility

*Currently meetings for alignment “Big Picture and core terms” for Credible Decision Process Framework in Engineering with*



*as basis for domain specific credibility standards.*

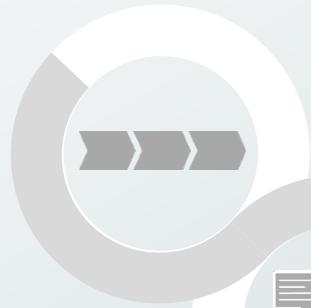


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## Harmonization Metadata, Semantics

### *Alignment of Model Metadata for Simulation and Traceability*

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For efficient exchange and reuse

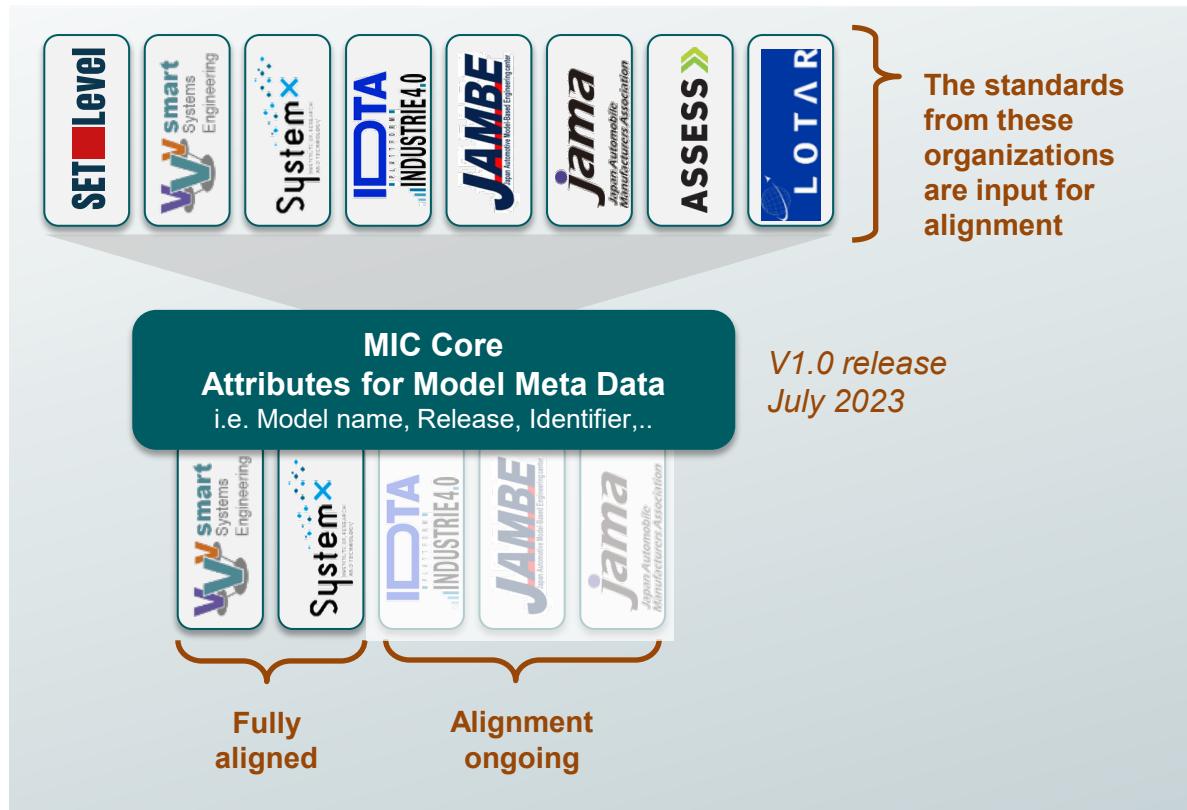
- Information, metadata about the properties of the models is required (what does the model represent, which effects are implemented)
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## Alignment of Model Metadata for Simulation and Traceability



**Goal: not to have one standard**

**But:**

- to identify and harmonize the overlapping attributes
- so, there will be a common aligned part of attributes in every standard
- also, standard specific attributes according to the different use cases, domains

**The standards will stay independent but will have aligned parts**

# Building Blocks for Simulation based Cooperation

## SRMD Data Format and MIC Core Standard for Model Metadata

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- 1.1. Why MIC Core
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- 1.3. Overview
- 1.4. Properties and Guiding Ideas
- 1.5. Versioning
- 1.6. How to Apply this Standard
- 1.7. How to Read This Document

#### 2. MIC Core Attributes

- 2.1. Administrative data
  - 2.1.1. Model name
  - 2.1.2. Model identifier
  - 2.1.3. Model description
  - 2.1.4. Release
  - 2.1.5. Release date
  - 2.1.6. Release type
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- 2.4. Implementation
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  - 2.4.2. Model limitations
  - 2.4.3. Model classification
  - 2.4.4. Software and hardware environment requirements
- 2.5. Verification and validation
  - 2.5.1. Verification status
  - 2.5.2. Validation status
  - 2.5.3. Verification & Validation procedure and criteria
  - 2.5.4. Verification & Validation report

#### 3. Conformance

#### References



## MIC Core Specification

Version 4528536, 2023-06-29

The MIC Core specification is a free standard that defines a set of harmonized model meta data attributes that meta-data standards can adopt to avoid ambiguity and incompatibility in common attributes across domains and standards. It is maintained as a joint undertaking of IRT SystemX and prostep ivip. Releases and issues can be found on [github.com/MIC-Core/MIC-Core](https://github.com/MIC-Core/MIC-Core).

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#### 1.2. What is MIC Core

## Link to MIC Core specification

<https://mic-core.github.io/MIC-Core/main/>

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## SRMD Data Format and MIC Core Standard for Model Metadata

An implementation of the MIC Core Specification in the SRMD Standard is already available.

Simulation Resource Meta Data (SRMD) are part of the Modelica SSP-Traceability standard

### Implementation of MIC-Core in the SRMD metadata format

#### Introduction

In the following, an exemplary implementation of the MIC-Core standard into the SRMD metadata format will be shown. The SRMD (Simulation Resource Meta Data) metadata format is a subset of the SSP traceability STMD (Simulation Task Meta Data) format. These formats are part of the Modelica Association Project SSP (System Structuring and Parametrization). The SRMD format allows to specify any metadata, attributes in the form of key value pairs. The format description also specifies where this metadata file should be stored in an FMU or SSP (link to SSP traceability).

#### Mapping of MIC-Core attributes to the SRMD format

The following table shows the implementation. In the first column the attributes defined in the MIC core are listed. The second column lists the conversion of the attribute names to SRMD. For easier machine processability, clustering via presented terms separated by period is used here. No spaces are used. In column 3 an abbreviated explanation of the attributes is listed

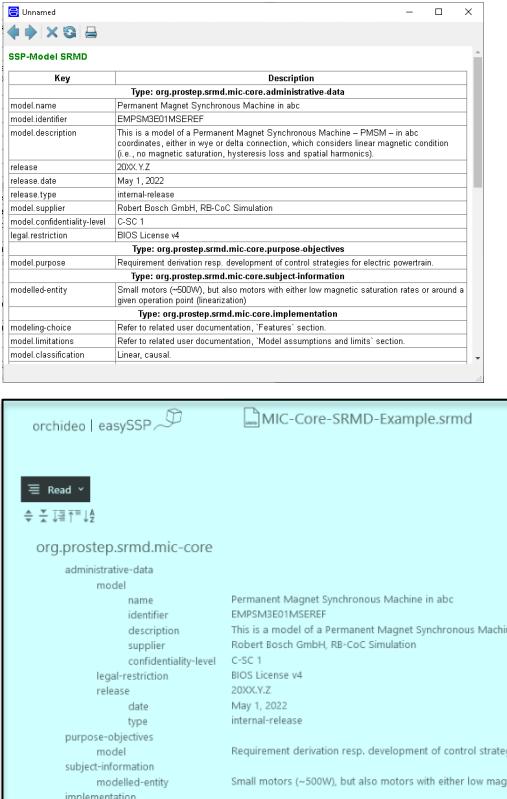
MIC-Core Name	SRMD Mapping	Short Explanation
Model name	administrative-data.model.name	Human-readable way of referring to the model. Usually short and clear. Not necessarily unique
Model identifier	administrative-data.model.identifier	Unique identifier for the model.
Model description	administrative-data.model.description	Human-readable, textual, general overview. Highlights important information about the model.
Model supplier	administrative-data.model.supplier	The responsible body and, if applicable, organizational unit within the body, that is responsible for supplying the model.
Model confidentiality level	administrative-data.model.confidentiality-level	Protection level to apply to the model.
Legal restriction	administrative-data.legal-restriction	Defines the rules governing the distribution and usage of the simulation model, including licensing.
Release	administrative-data.release	Unique identifier, preferably human-readable (i.e. semantically meaningful), for the release of a particular simulation model.
Release date	administrative-data.release.date	Date, and possibly time and timezone, of the release of a simulation model. Must respect ISO 8601.
Release type	administrative-data.release.type	Relates to the maturity of the model.

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## **SRMD Data Format and MIC Core Standard for Model Metadata**



Simulation Resource Meta Data (SRMD) are part of the Modelica SSP-Traceability standard



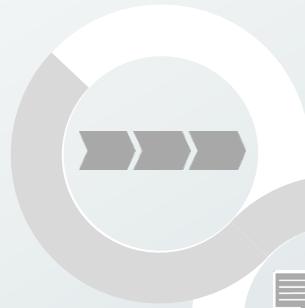
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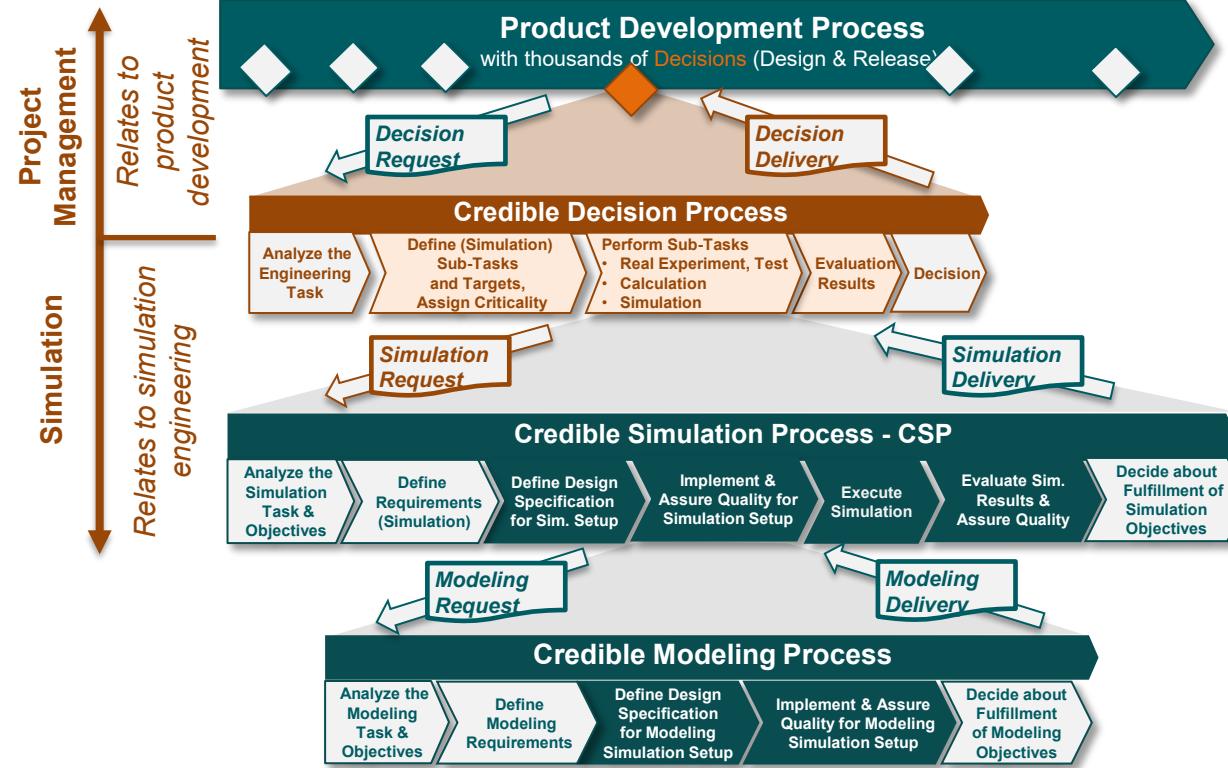
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## Data Formats & Processes for Exchange: Heterogeneous IT Environments, Collaboration

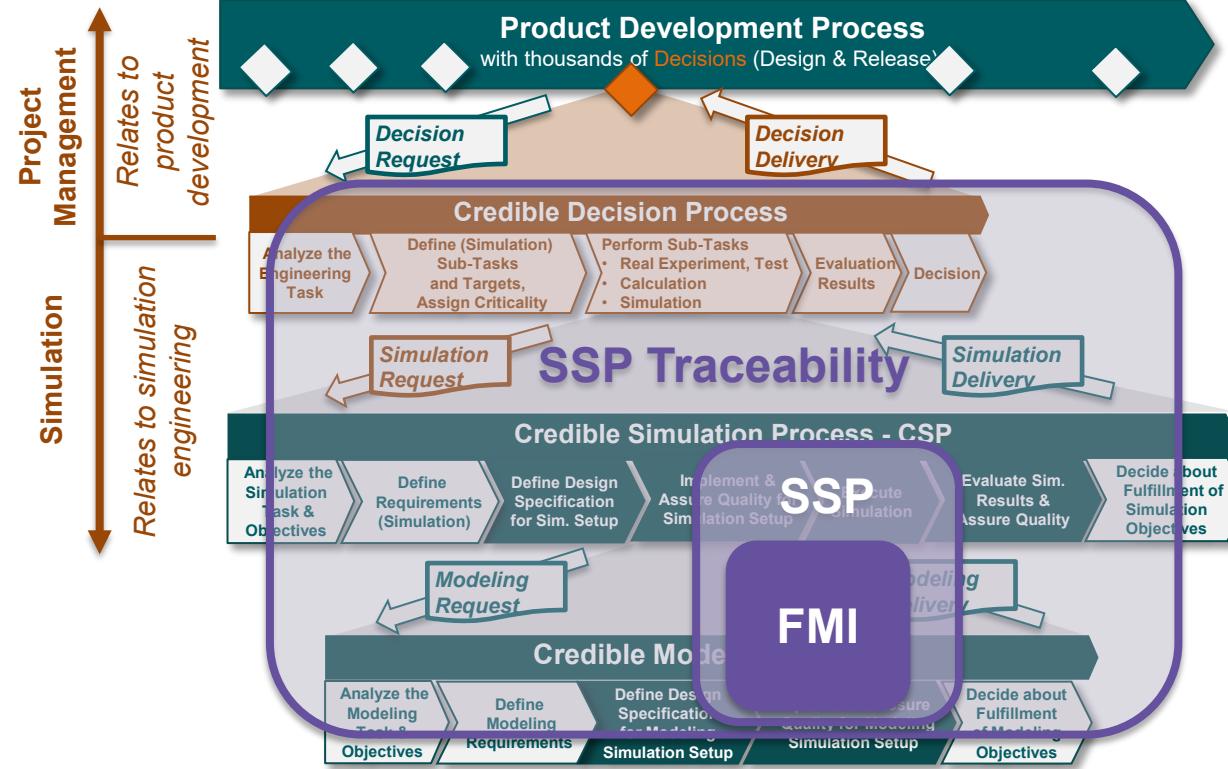


### Credible Simulation Process Framework

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## Data Formats for Exchange: Heterogeneous IT Environments, Collaboration



Within the Modelica Association, data standards for the exchange of simulation artifacts between tools are developed and supported.

- FMI project:**
  - Exchange of models on system level  
→ (FMI3.0)

- SSP project**
  - Exchange of model architectures and parameter sets.  
→ SSP1.0 with standard layer SSP Traceability (GlueParticle)



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## From Process to Traceability in Heterogeneous IT Environments, Collaboration

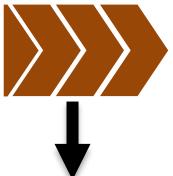
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- Reproducibility
- Traceability



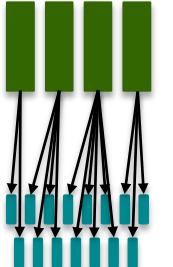
### Workflow

- Concrete implemented process
- Repeatability



### Information Chain

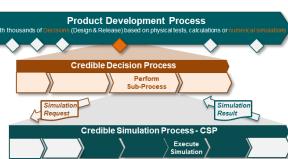
- Process-data-modell
- **GlueParticle**



### Information Artefacts

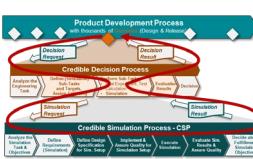
- Artefacts linked to information chain
- For traceability, reuse

### From Process



to

### Traceability



- ▶ Clear structuring of information

- ▶ Transparency of the information linkage of workflows, processes

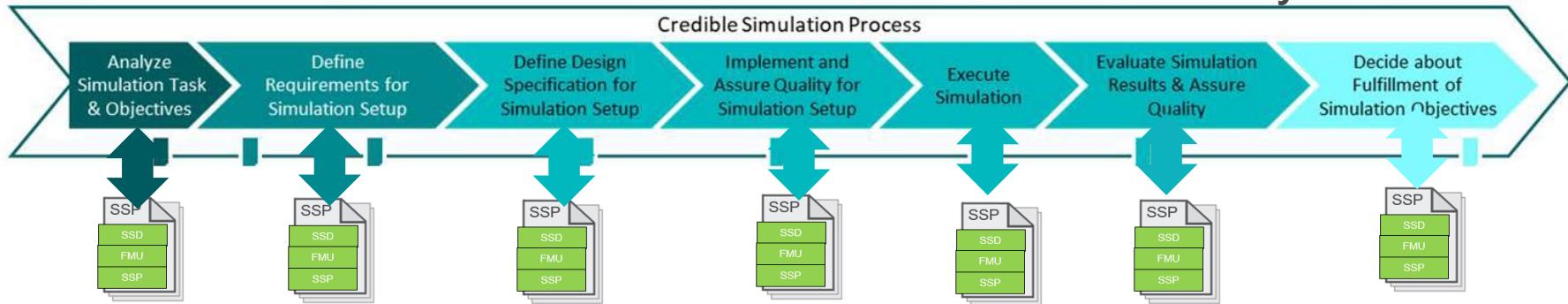
#### With GlueParticle Approach

- ▶ Consistency of process chain and information chain
- ▶ Is integrated part in workflow
- ▶ After the workflow run, a filled information chain is available, no post documentation

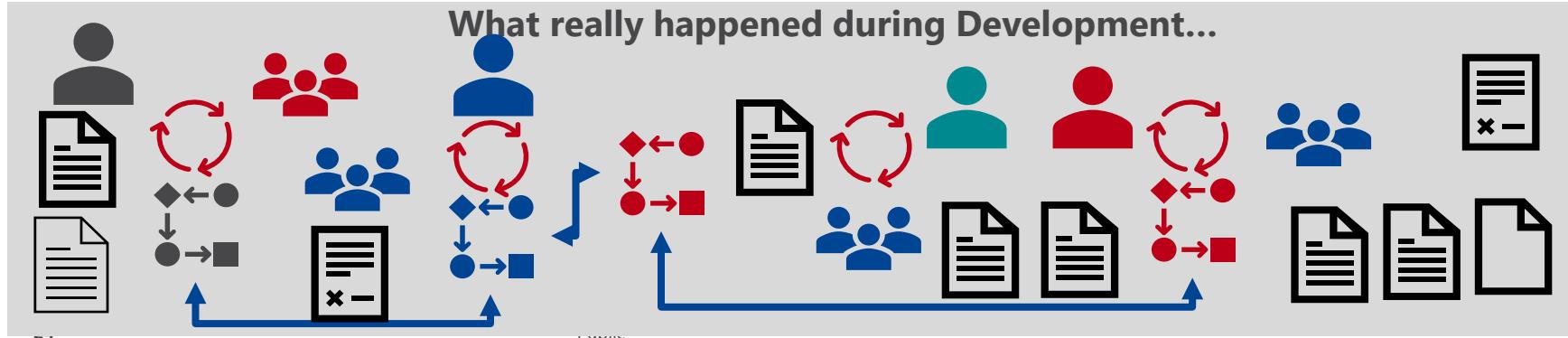
# Credible Simulation Process (CSP) + SSP-Traceability (GlueParticle)

## The CSP is a Documentation Standard to establish Traceability

How it is documented in a traceable and standardized way...

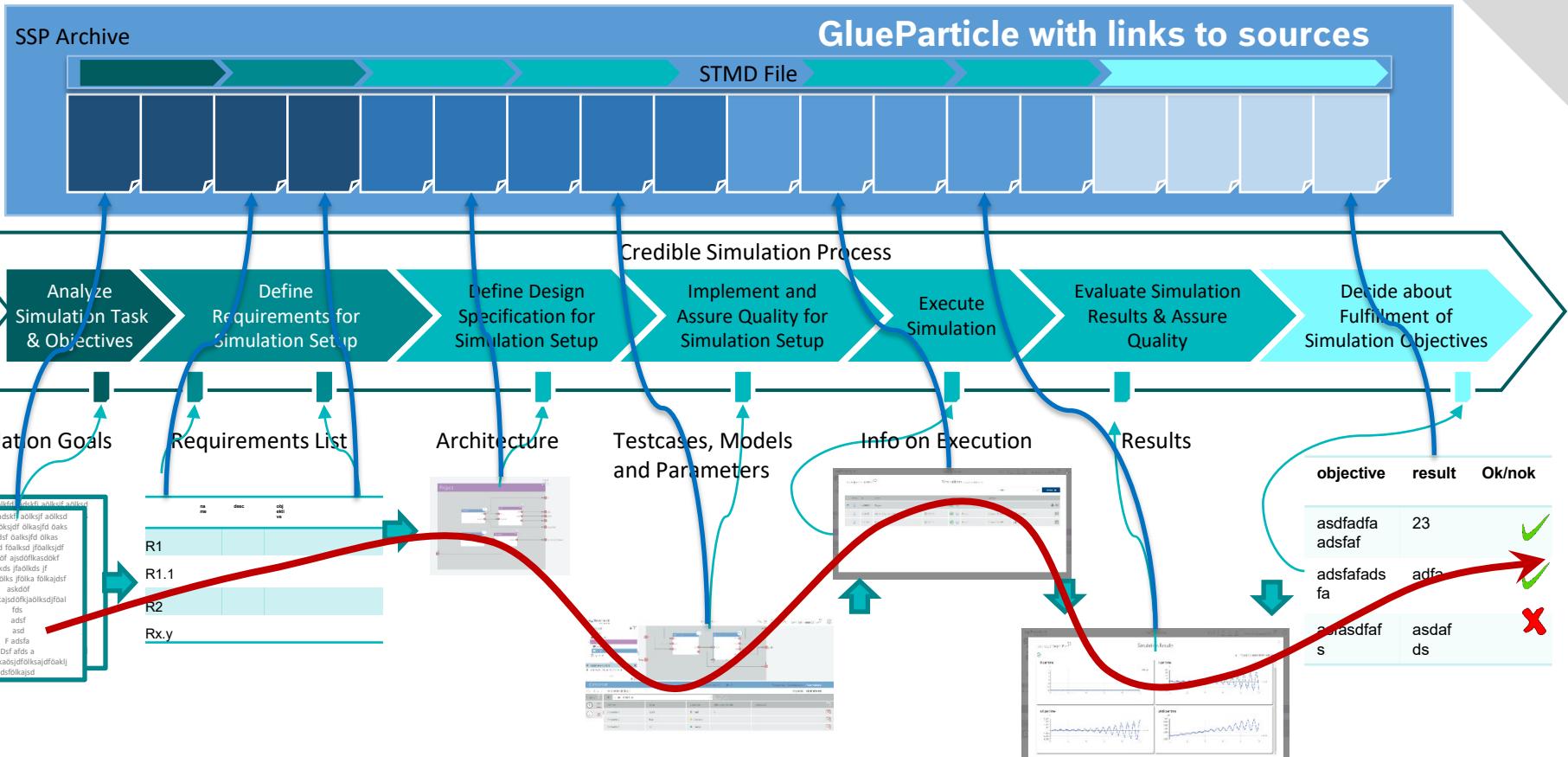


What really happened during Development...



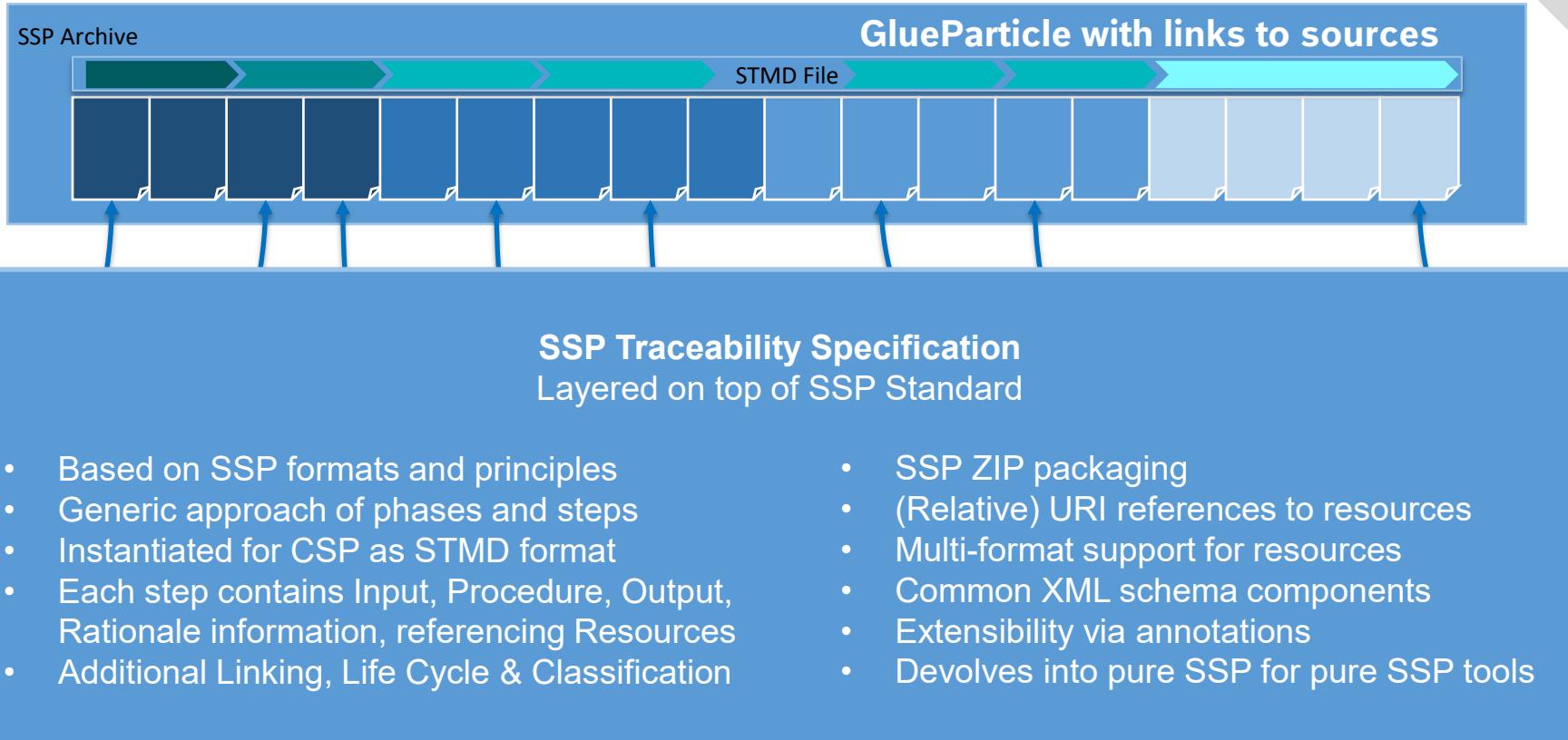
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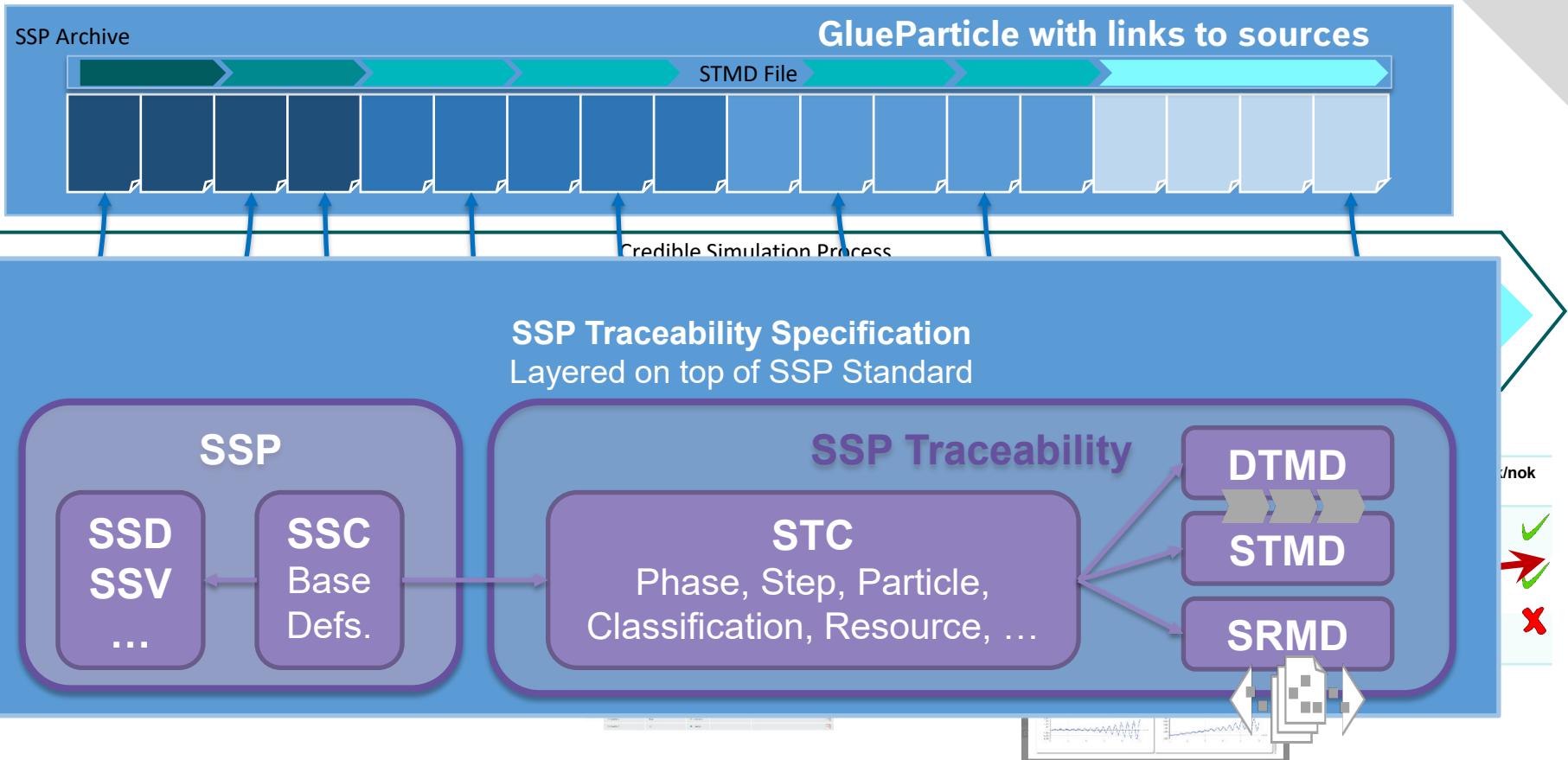
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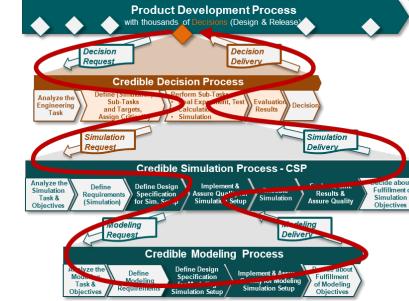
## **Data formats for exchange, heterogeneous IT Environments, Collaboration**



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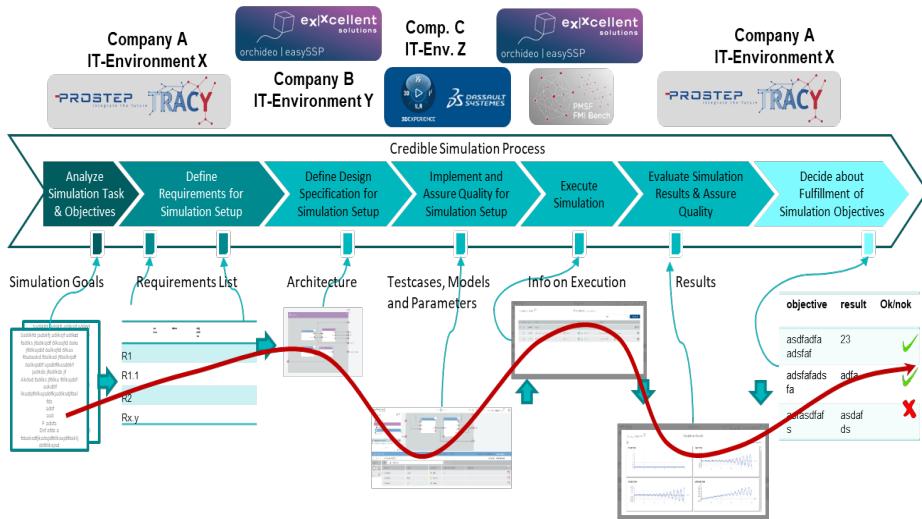


Tool support is already available.



**2023-24: Establish realistic automotive use cases for SSP, CSP, traceability, meta data management**

- Open to SmartSE partners to facilitate the collaborative development among us and along the value chain
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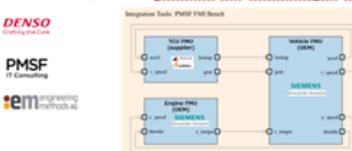
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### SmartSE Use Case Proposal 2022 - 2024

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Collaborative Development and Engineering Data Management of a Transmission Control Unit (TCU) Design based on FMI/SSP

#### 2021 FMI/SSP proof of concept for TCU development



- + realistic example
- part of value chain
- no traceability

#### Traceability, Exchange of Simulation Tasks based on Glue Particle



- + traceability
- part of value chain
- simple example

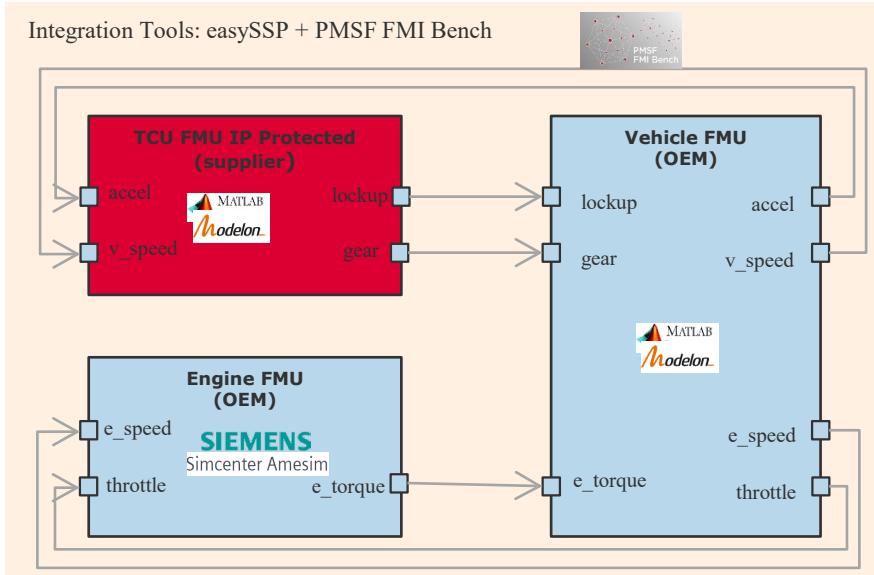
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# Collaborative Simulation-based Engineering

## Use Case\*: Collaborative Transmission Control Unit (TCU) Design



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### Showcase

Supplier to design, test and calibrate TCU based on OEM specs and requests.

### Fokus

Usage of Credible Simulation Process (CSP), SSP-Traceability, MIC-Core Metadata

### Engine Model →

Internal combustion engine

### Vehicle model →

rest of the vehicle. Maintains the engine state, vehicle state; provides accelerator and throttle positions

### TCU model →

provides transmission lockup and gear ratio information, based on the vehicle speed / acceleration information.

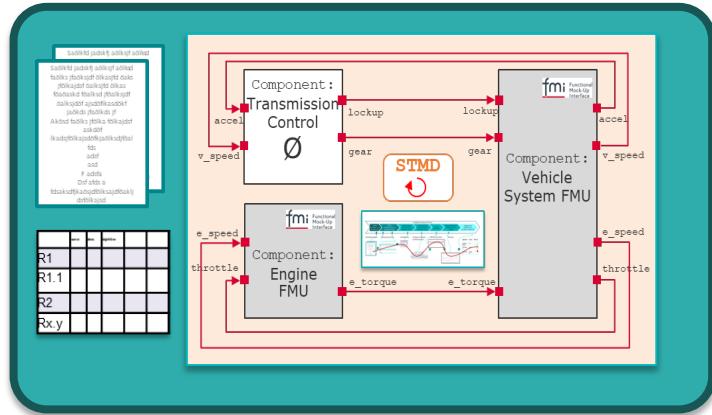
**In Scope: Exchange of all artefacts required for an efficient, cross-company simulation-based engineering like specifications, requirements, test cases, simulation models and model meta data.**

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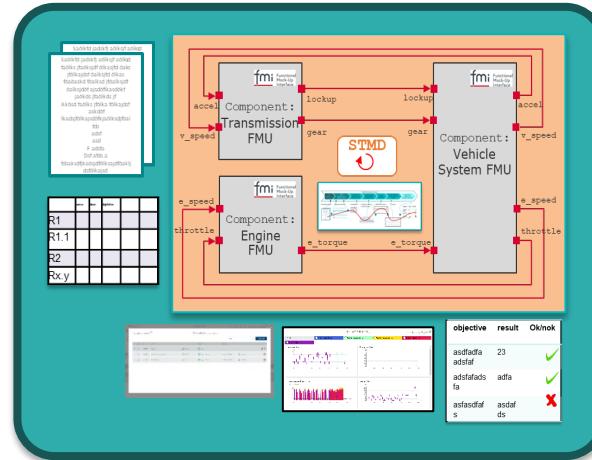
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### Request Package



### Delivery Package



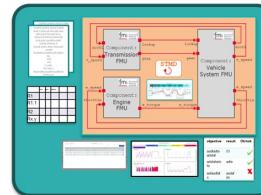
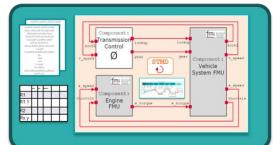
The OEM submits the TCU specification as an envelope specification, as well as the other documents as an SSP container.

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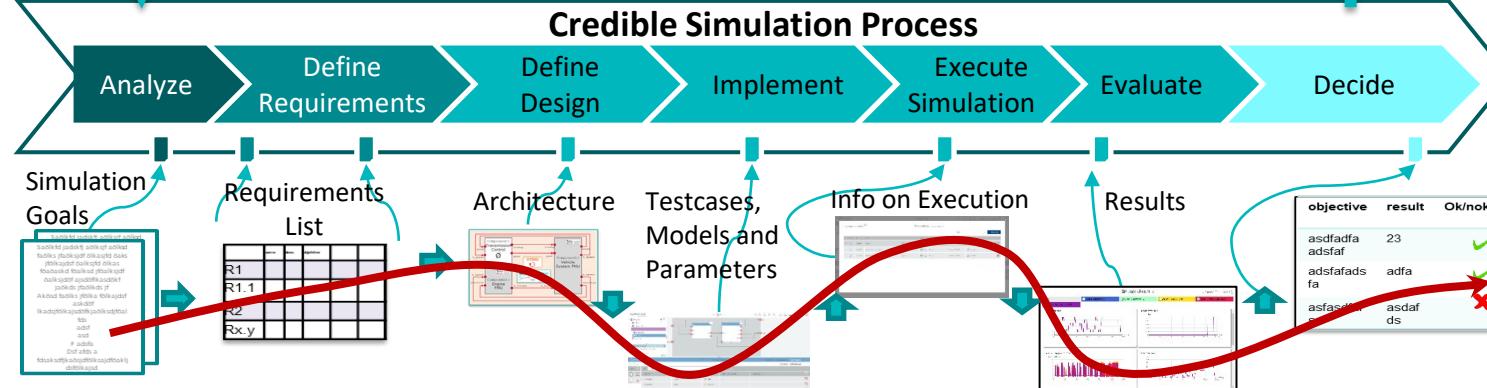
### Request Package      Exchange between Partners and Tools      Delivery Package



### Data Management

Import / Export  
Packages and  
merge Data

P|D|Tec.  
SimData  
Manager



This approach is based on the Credible Simulation Process Framework  
and open standards like FMI, SSP, SSP-Traceability



Functional  
Mock-up  
Interface



System Structure  
& Parameterization

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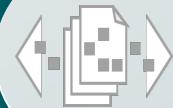
**Information**

*MIC-Core  
Q2/2023*



**Standards and  
Recommendations**

*SmartSE + ASME & INCOSE & NAFEMS  
2023ff*



**Data formats for  
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*Modellica Assocation Prj. SSP  
SSP Traceability 1.0 Q4/2023  
SSP 2.0 Q4/2023*



# prostep ivip SmartSE Phase V

## **Mission Phase 5**

(2022-2024)

**Enabling collaborative development and validation of complex products by simulation along a multi tier supply chain.**

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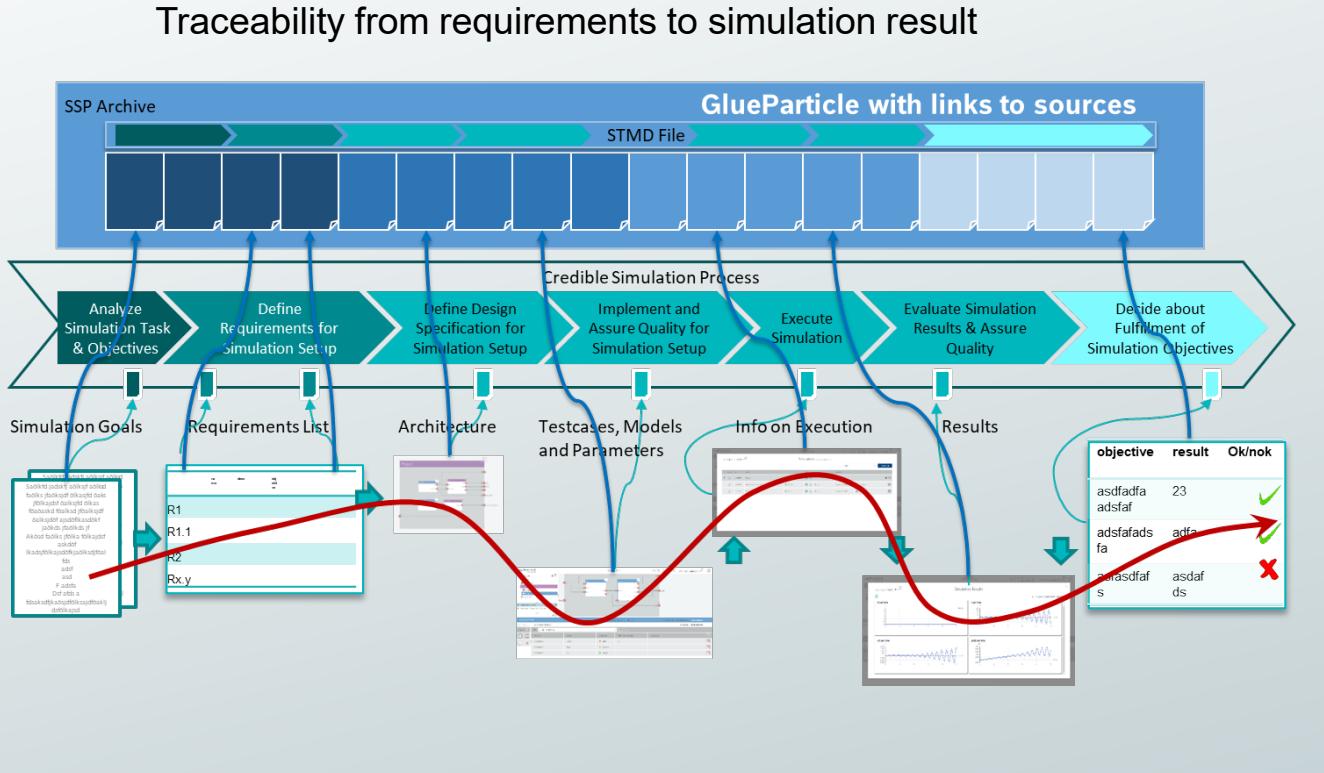
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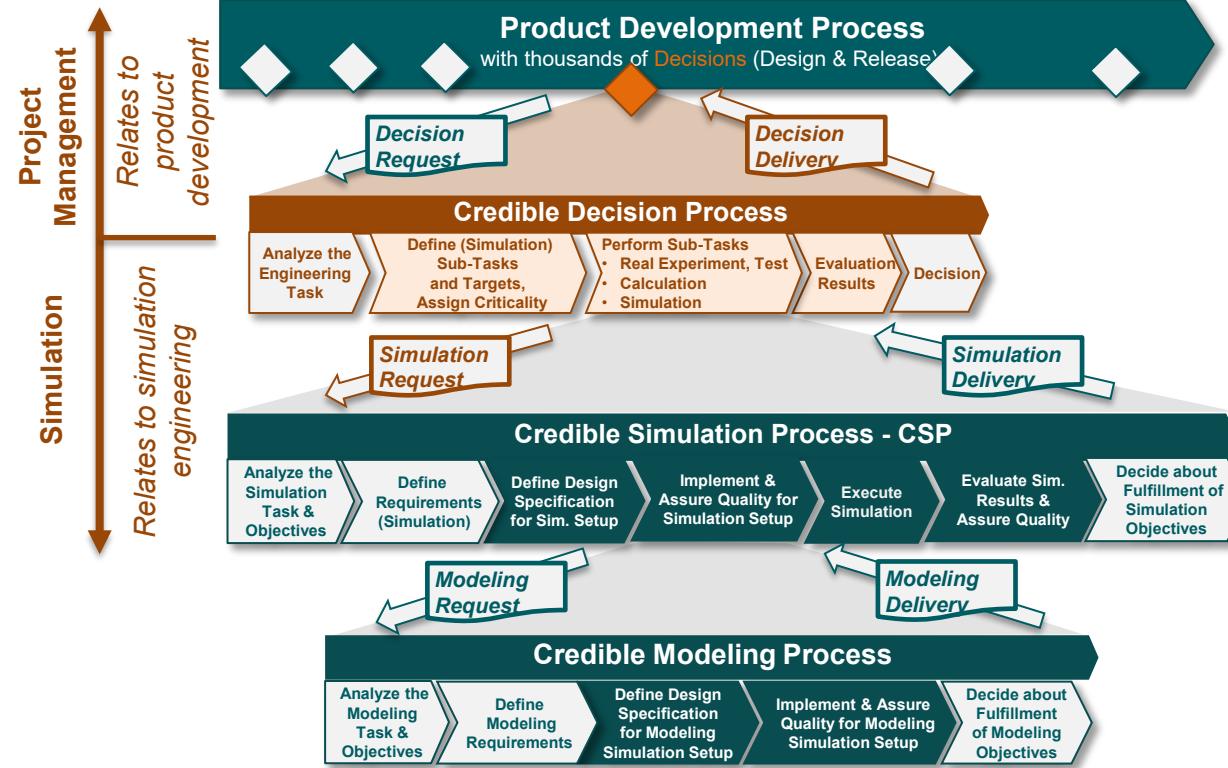
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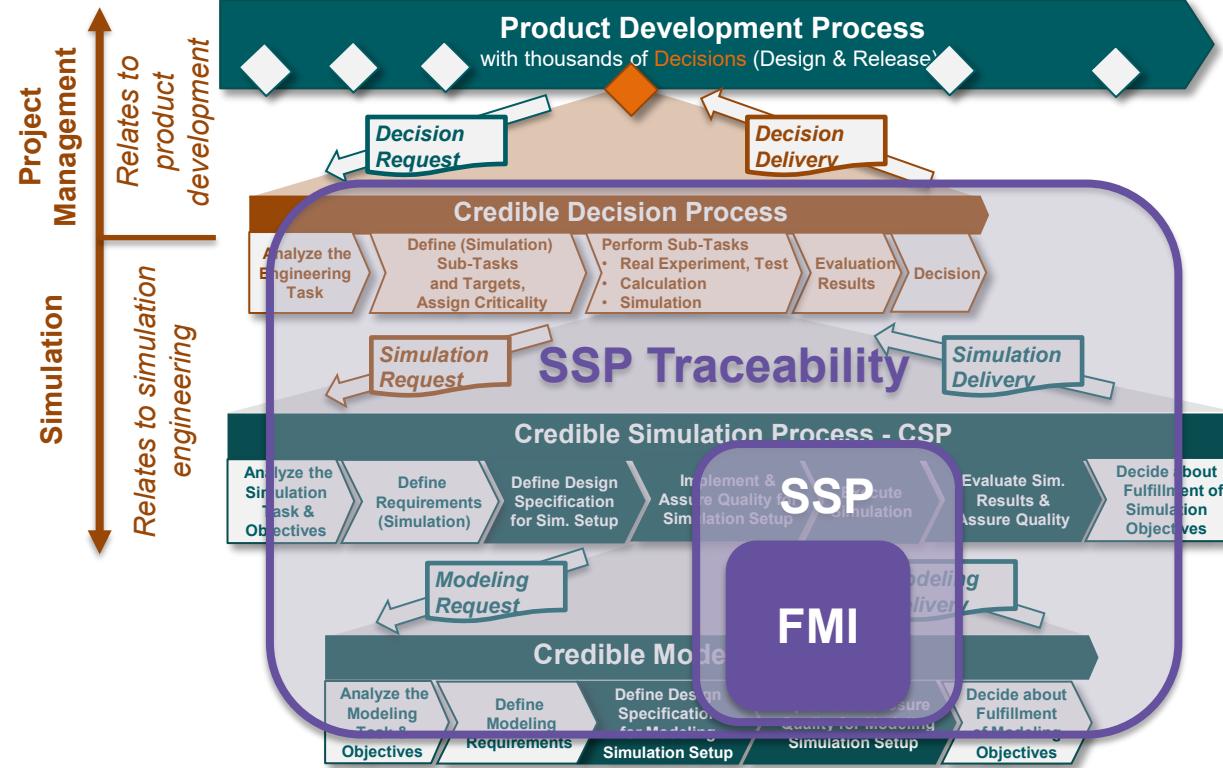


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## Data Formats for Exchange: Heterogeneous IT Environments, Collaboration



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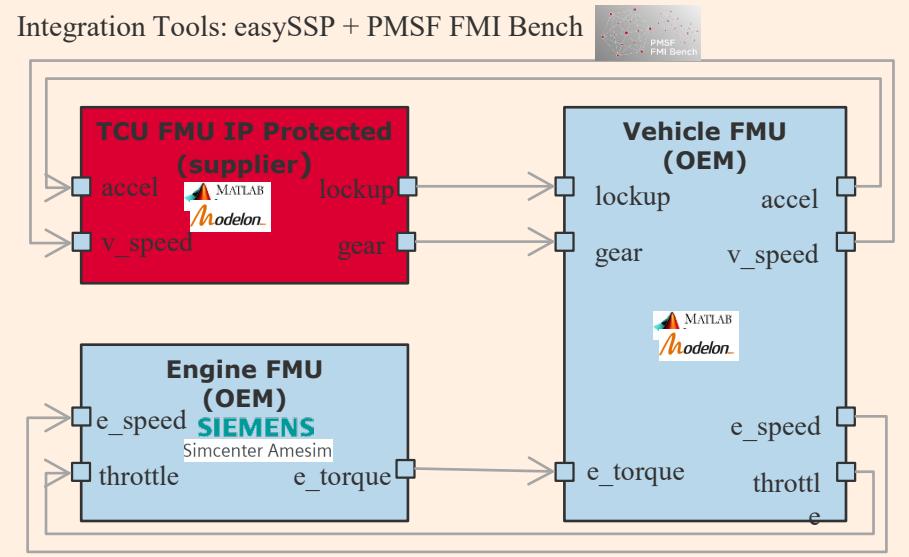
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  - Exchange of models on system level  
→ (FMI3.0)



# Motivation Smart Systems Engineering (SmartSE)

## Collaborative Simulation-based Engineering

Integration Tools: easySSP + PMSF FMI Bench



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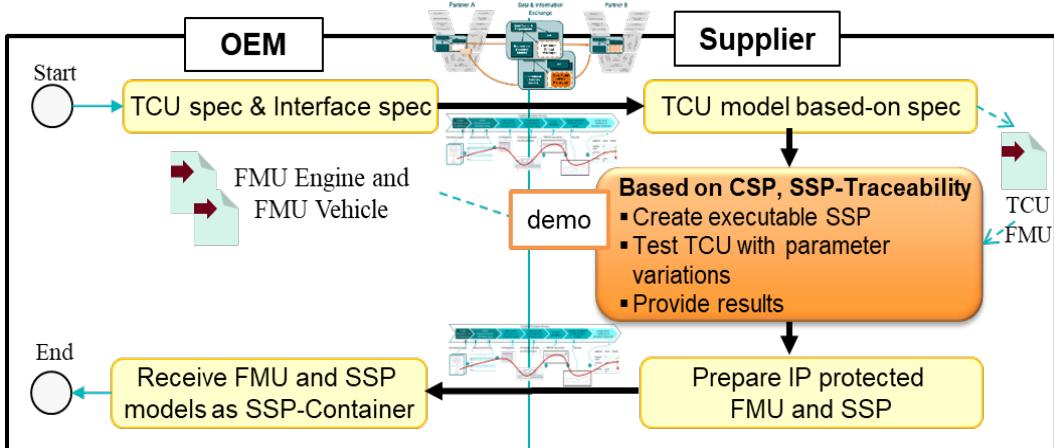
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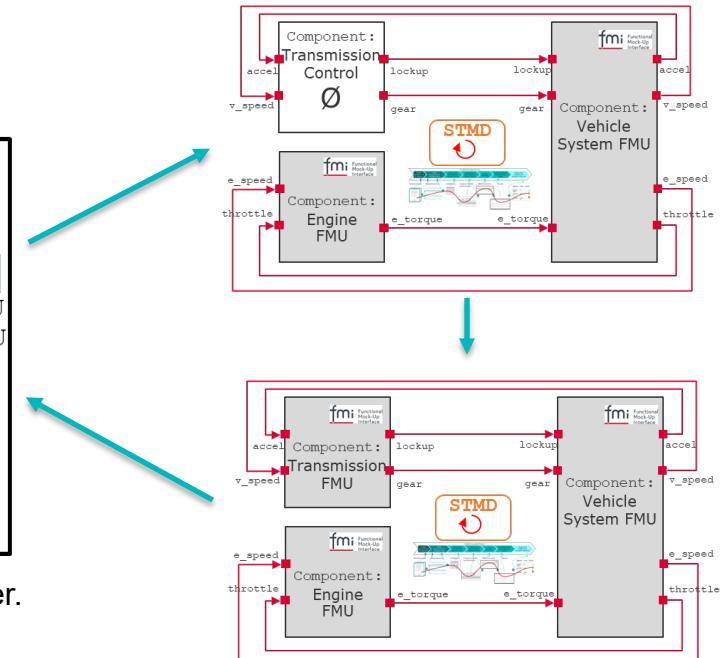
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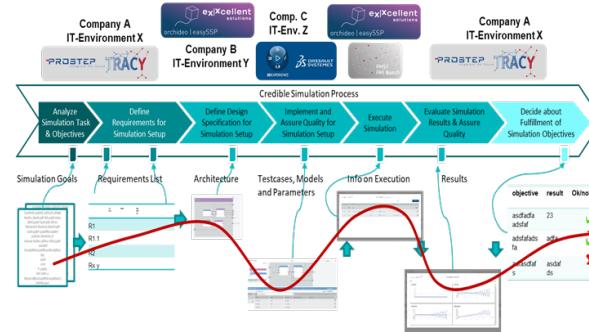
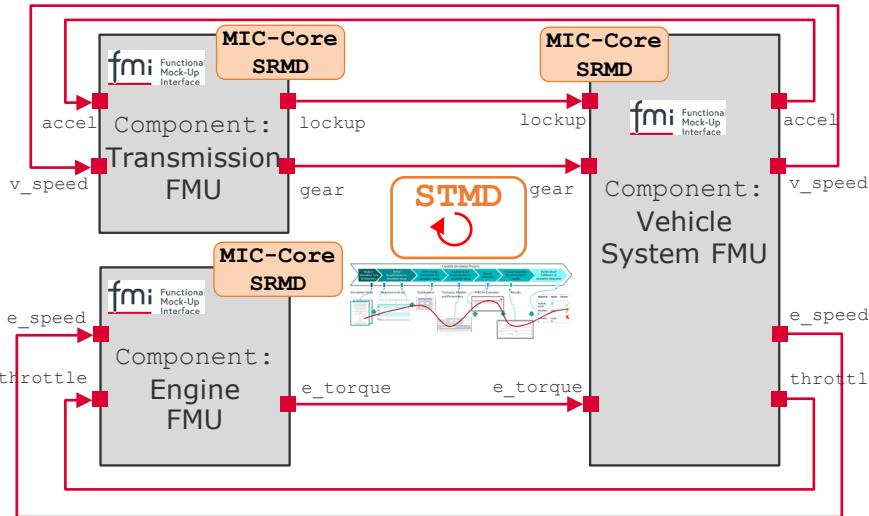
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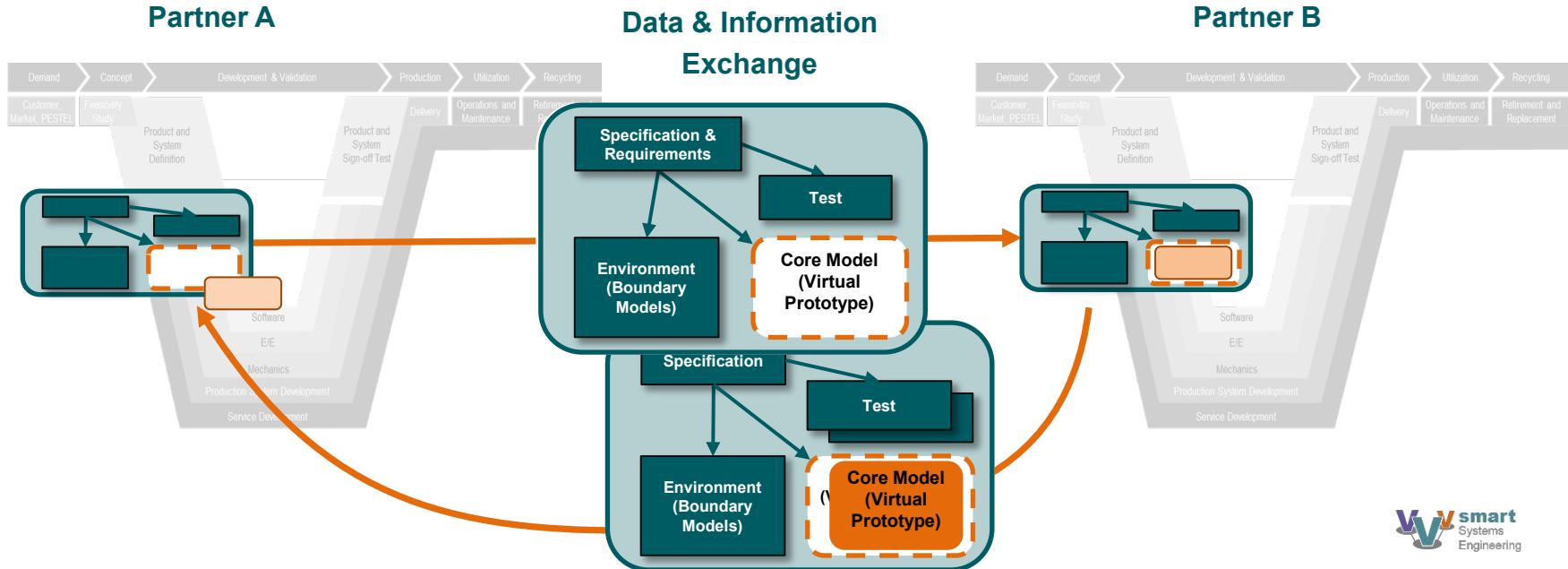
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## SmartSE Showcase

**Collaboration of Partners using Exchange  
Packages in heterogeneous IT-Environments**

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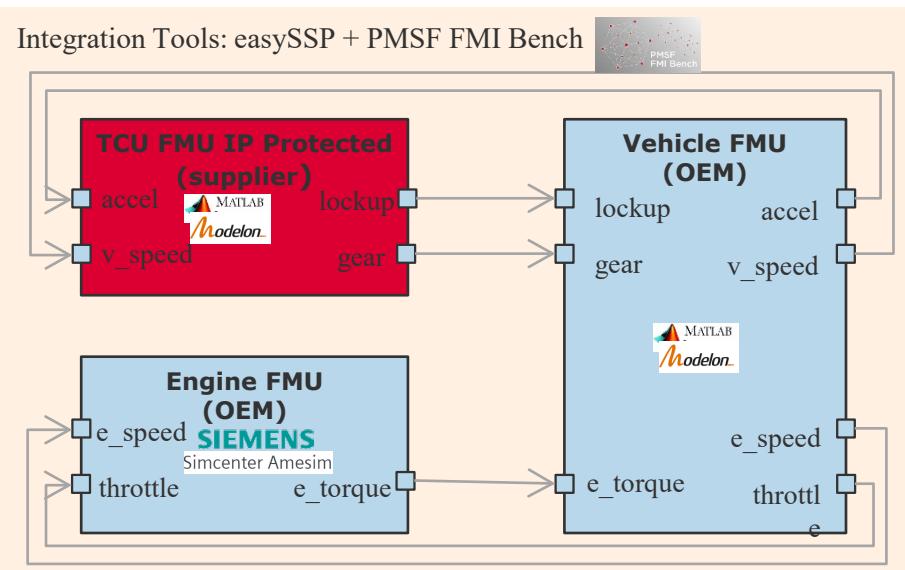
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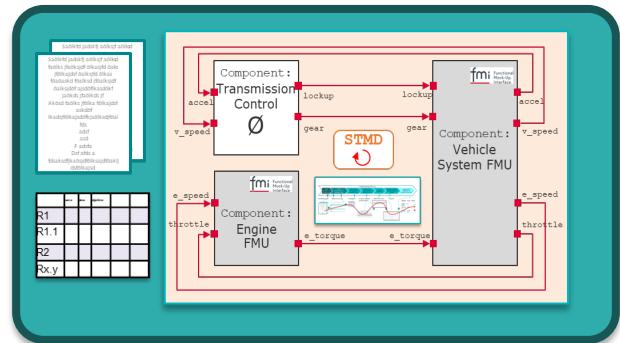
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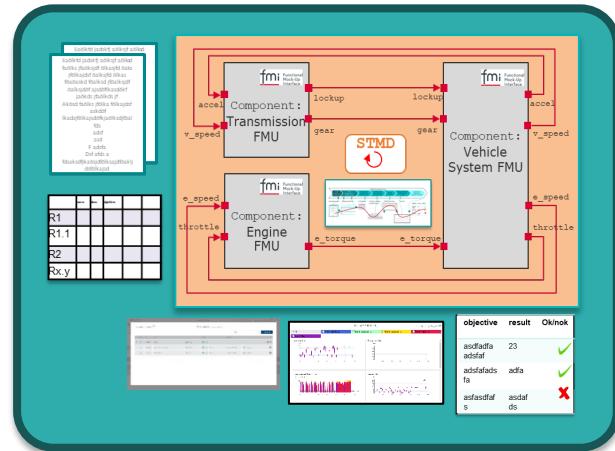
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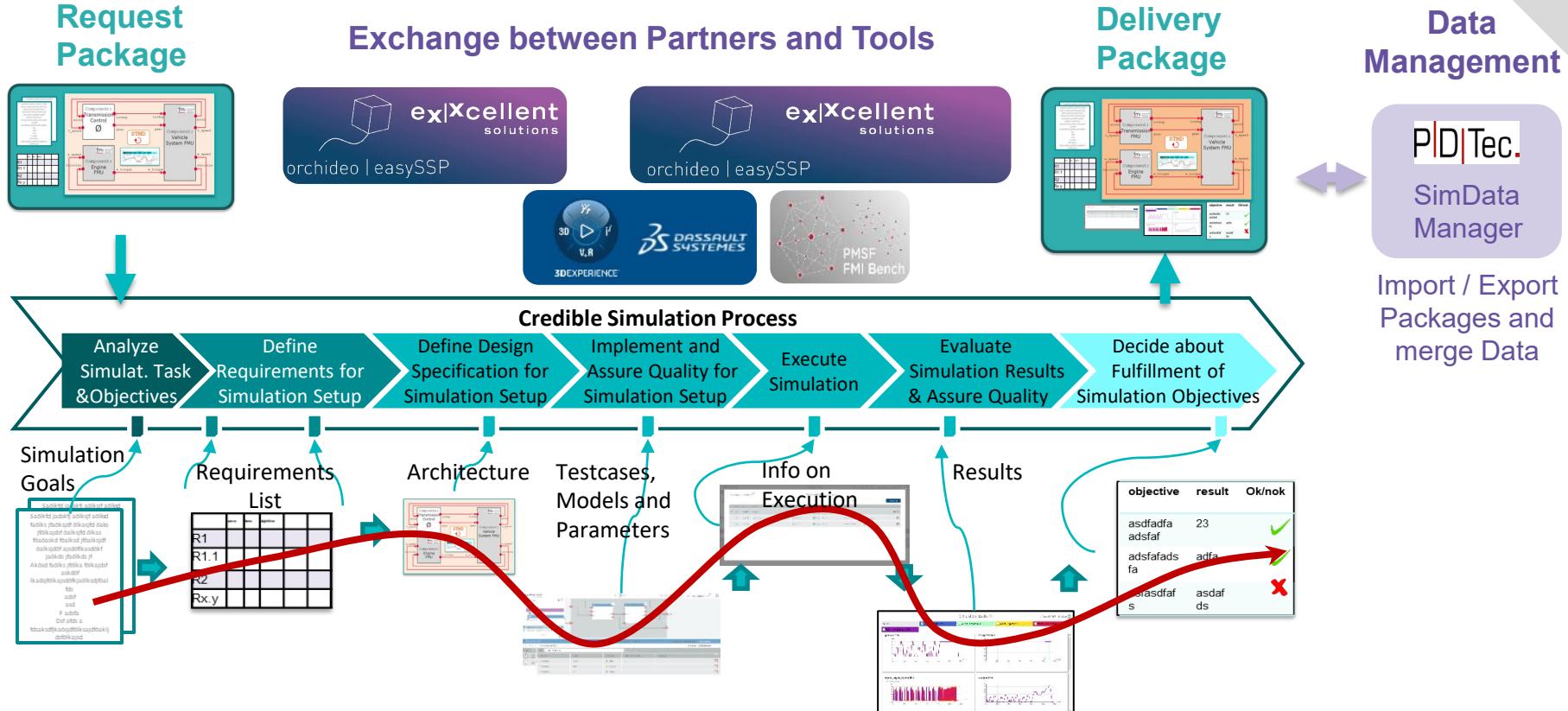
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